18. **Devaswoms and Charities.**—A detailed Budget was, for the first time, framed for the Devaswoms, and this rendered the audit of the expenditure on them more efficient than it had previously been. The net expenditure on the Devaswoms fell from Rs. 10,28,000 to Rs. 10,02,000. This result was achieved notwithstanding the rise in prices and the increased expenditure involved in the purchase of rice and other provisions. The expenditure on Charities, which had fallen from Rs. 6,45,000 in 1084 to Rs. 4,95,000 in 1085, fell still further, to Rs. 4,46,000 in 1086, and this notwithstanding the rise in prices already referred to. The reduction achieved in two years has been two lakhs of rupees.

19. **The Census.**—The Fifth Decennial Census of Travancore was taken on the morning of the 11th March 1911. The operations were conducted by Dewan Peishkar Mr. N. Subramania Iyer, who had conducted the Census of 1901 and who was therefore in a position to utilise fully the experience gained on that occasion, in his work in 1911. The population in 1911 was 34,28,975, against 29,52,157 in 1901, the increase being 16·1 per cent.

After the Address in English was read, the Malayalam translation of the same was taken as read. Copies of the Address, in English and Malayalam, were then distributed among the Members and others present. The Assembly adjourned at 1-15 P. M., to meet again the next day at 11 A. M.

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